contractors was Rs. 10,104–4 Chs.-0. The Electrical Engineer and staff supervised the work.

(*b*) 3 cases of leakage have been reported so far, of which two produced fatal results and one a minor shock.

Supply of electric current from the Power House.

5. *Mr. **M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the rate per unit at which electric current is supplied at present ;

(*b*) the net cost of generating one unit of electric current ; what is the gain, if any, per year from the electric lighting scheme in the town ; what is the total volume of current generated in the Power House every day ; how much current is consumed every month by the Government institutions and offices ; how much by private consumers and how much for street lighting ;

(*c*) how many private consumers are there at present ; what was their number in the beginning ; of the private consumers how many utilised current for domestic purposes and how many for industrial and other similar purposes ; and

(*d*) of the private consumers for industrial purposes how many were there in the list in the beginning and how many are there at present (15-11-1109) ; what are the industries for which current is supplied from the department ; and at what rate per unit is current supplied to such consumers ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) 1. For lights and fans 6 annas a unit subject to a minimum of B. Re. 1-8-0 a month for each consumer per meter.

2. For Cenematograph installations, 4 annas a unit.

3. For domestic uses such as cooking, refrigerating, small pumping sets, etc., 3 annas a unit.

4. (1) For small installations up to 20 B. H. P. requiring power intermittently and consuming less than 24,000 units per annum, 3 annas per unit.

(ii) For installations consuming above 24,000 units but below 1,00,000 units per annum, first 50,000 units 1 1/2 annas per unit. For consumption above 50,000 units 1·35 annas per unit. For consumption above 1,00,000 units rates will be fixed by special agreements.

(*b*) 1. The net cost of generation of one unit of energy is a variable figure depending upon the load. The average cost of generation in 1108 is Chs. 4-8·38 cash per unit.

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[Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon.]

2. The gain is also a variable figure depending upon the demand for power. The net revenue for the years 1105 to 1108 is as follows :—

	Rs.
1105	26,025
1106	37,769
1107	53,544
1108	50,773

The total energy generated per day is also a variable quantity. The average daily generation for Mithunam 1109 is 2,400 units.

The average consumption under each head during Edavam 1109 is as follows :

Government Institutions	23,581·69	Units.
Private consumers	29,578·95	...
Street lighting	9,834·24	...

(*c*) The number of private consumers at present (as on 15-11-1109) is 1139.

Nil.

Among private consumers, 24 use electric energy for purposes other than lights and fans.

(*d*) Nil. The number on 15-11-1109 is 12. Electric energy is supplied for oil mills, refrigerators, match factory, printing presses, saw mills and flour mills.

Vide answers to part (*a*).

Supply of electric current to Railway Stations, Municipal Corporations and firms.

6. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Electrical Department supplies current for lighting and other purposes in the Central and Pettah Railway Stations, and if so, at what rate ; and

(*b*) whether the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, made any requisition for the supply of current for street lighting at concessional rates ; and whether electric current is being supplied at concessional rates to big consumers like municipal corporations and firms in other cities where electric schemes have been introduced ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes. At 4 annas per unit.

(*b*) Yes ; but the rates vary with each supply agency.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member why the same rate of 4 annas is allowed to the Municipality ?

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